

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 217709
ORIGIN OES-09

INFO OCT-01 IO-13 ISO-00 ARA-10 /033 R

66011

DRAFTED BY: BRIAN S. HALLMAN OES/OFA/FA

APPROVED BY: OES/OFA/FA: BSHALLMAN

-----118641 261240Z /53

R 260021Z AUG 78

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 217709

FOR AMBASSADOR CLINGAN

FOLLOWING REPEAT NASSAU 1793 ACTION SECSTATE WASHDC 23 AUG 78.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L NASSAU 1793

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIS, BF

SUBJ: FISHING BOAT INCIDENT

1. I BELIEVE THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT ON EVENING OF AUGUST 22 MIAMI AND FT. LAUDERDALE TV STATIONS CARRIED ON THEIR LOCAL NEWS BROADCASTS INFORMATION THAT FISHERMEN IN MIAMI AREA CONTINUE TO BE UPSET OVER BAHAMIAN RESTRAINTS ON FISHING. NEWS PROGRAMS WENT ON TO SAY THAT DEMONSTRATIONS AROUND BAHAMIAN CONSULAR OFFICE IN MIAMI ARE EXPECTED. NEWSMEN ALSO HAD INTERVIEW WITH ATTORNEY MAURICE DILIBERTO OF THE MIAMI INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES CORP. DILIBERTO SAID THAT IT WAS UNREASONABLE FOR USG NOT TO HAVE AN AGREEMENT WORKED OUT WITH GCOB WHEN WE HAVE A FISHING AGREEMENT WORKED OUT WITH CUBANS, AS DILIBERTO PUT IT, "... WITH WHOM WE'RE NOT ON VERY GOOD TERMS." NEWS ALSO STATED THAT DILIBERTO INDICATED HE HAD WRITTEN PRESIDENT CARTER ABOUT THIS MATTER. FI HERMEN
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 217709

WERE QUOTED AS SAYING THAT IF PRESIDENT CARTER CAN BRING SADAT AND BEGIN TOGETHER, HE CERTAINLY SHOULD BE ABLE TO BRING THE FLORIDA FISHERMEN AND GCOB TOGETHER.

2. MORNING NEWSPAPER, THE NASSAU GUARDIAN, OF AUGUST 23 REPORTED THAT TWO BAHAMIAN FISHING VESSELS WERE RECENTLY FORCED TO FLEE FROM THE GREAT BAHAMA BANK AFTER A CONFRONTATION WITH

CUBAN-AMERICAN FISHING VESSELS IN THE AREA. BAHAMIAN DEFENSE OFFICIALS COULD NOT STATE WHETHER CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE FISHING VESSELS WAS VIOLENT, INVOLVING GUNFIRE, OR WHETHER THE VESSELS INVOLVED ATTEMPTED TO RAM ONE ANOTHER. INVESTIGATION IS BEING MADE.

3. THE MAJOR POINT OF REPORTING THIS IS TO STRESS TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT IN MY JUDGMENT THE GCOB IS NOT -- REPEAT NOT -- GOING TO BE FORCED INTO A FISHERIES AGREEMENT AT THIS TIME. I PERSONALLY HOPE TO SEE THIS ISSUE RESOLVED, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IT CAN BE UNTIL OTHER PENDING NEGOTIATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS ON BASES, POSSIBLE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, AND POSSIBLE RUNWAY EXTENSION AT GOVERNOR'S HARBOR ARE RESOLVED. IT MAY BE THAT USG WOULD WANT TO GIVE SOME CONSIDERATION TO INCLUDING SETTLEMENT OF THE FISHERIES ISSUE WHILE IT IS HANDLING THESE OTHER ITEMS. THIS DECISION RESTS WITH THE NEGOTIATORS AND THE DEPARTMENT, BUT I MUST GIVE MY OWN EVALUATION OF THE SITUATION AS I SEE IT NOW. GCOB SIMPLY DOES NOT -- REPEAT NOT -- WANT TO DISCUSS THIS FISHERIES SITUATION NOW. THIS HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR TO ME, TO AMBASSADOR TOM CLINGAN, AMBASSADOR TODMAN, SENATOR STONE, AND OTHERS. UNLESS USG HAS SOME NEW "WRINKLES," I URGE THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO GET CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION FROM FLORIDA AS WELL AS SUCH PEOPLE AS MAURICE DILIBERTO TO UNDERSTAND THAT CONSTANTLY PURSUING THIS AT THIS TIME -- REPEAT AT THIS TIME -- IS ILL ADVISED.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 217709

4. I PERSONALLY WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT AND REQUEST THAT THIS CABLE BE MADE AVAILABLE TO AMBASSADOR TOM CLINGAN.
SCHLWARTZ

UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FISHING BOATS, FISHING LIMITS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 26 aug 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE217709
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: BRIAN S. HALLMAN OES/OFA/FA
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780350-0084
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780819/aaaaapxj.tel
Line Count: 100
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 7429f25a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN OES
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 28 jul 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1607690
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: FISHING BOAT INCIDENT
TAGS: EFIS, BF
To: USUN NEW YORK
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/7429f25a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014